

United States Army
Brigade Commander
Christopher K. Kennedy

Colonel
4th Calvary Brigade
First Army Division East
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Col. Chris Kennedy is a 1989 graduate of Widener University in Chester, Pa. Upon completion of Officer's Candidate School in 1991 and the Armor Officer Basic Course, he was assigned to the 4th Battalion, 67th Armor Regiment, in Friedberg, Germany. He served as a tank platoon leader and tank company executive officer.

Following his completion of the Armor Officer Advanced Course, he was assigned as a G3 Training officer in the 1st Corps from August 1995 to August 1996 at Fort Lewis, Wash. Capt. Kennedy joined the 3rd Brigade, 2nd Infantry Division in August 1996 and served as an S3 air, tank company commander, and headquarters company commander in 1st Battalion, 33rd Armor Regiment. Upon completion of company command, he was assigned to Army Personnel Command as a Lieutenant's, Captain's, and Major's assignments officer from 1999 through 2002.

After completing the Command and General Staff College at Fort Leavenworth, Kan., Maj. Kennedy was assigned in June 2003 to Fort Carson, Colo. where he served in the 3rd Armored Cavalry Regiment from June 2003 to June 2006. While in the 3d Armored Cavalry Regiment, he served as the squadron operations officer and later as the squadron executive officer of 2nd Squadron in Ramadi, Falluja, and Western Al Anbar in Operation Iraqi Freedom I. During his last 18 months in the 3rd Armored Cavalry Regiment he served as the regimental executive officer, conducting combat operations in South Baghdad (Yusafiya, Muhammadiya, and Latifya) and Tall Afar during OIF III and then prepared the Regiment to move to Fort Hood after it returned to from OIF III.

In June, 2006 Lt. Col Kennedy was assigned as the Armor Colonel's Assignments Officer at Headquarters, Department of the Army, Senior Leader Development, in Washington, D.C. where he served until June 2008.

Lt. Col. Kennedy took command of 3rd Squadron, 1st Cavalry Regiment; the Reconnaissance Squadron for 3rd Armored Brigade Combat Team "Sledgehammer", 3rd Infantry Division on June 25th, 2008. During his command his squadron deployed to Iraq in October 2009 where they assumed joint responsibility for Wasit Province in Southern Iraq. Squadron responsibilities included two combat outposts which were located along the Sunni-Shia fault line south of Baghdad and along the Iranian Border. The squadron redeployed in October 2010. Lt. Col. Kennedy relinquished command of his Squadron on January 7th, 2011 and was the first armor officer Selected as the G3 for the recently formed Maneuver Center of Excellence at Fort Benning, Ga. He was the MCoE G3 from January 2011 through June 2012.

In June 2013 Col. Kennedy graduated from the United States Army War College at Carlisle Barracks, Pa. and was subsequently assigned as the maneuver, fires, and effects division chief at Human Resource Command where he served this past year.

His awards and decorations include the Bronze Star Medal (2 oak leaf clusters); Meritorious Service Medal (5 oak leaf clusters); Army Commendation Medal (2 oak leaf clusters); Army Achievement Medal (1 oak leaf cluster), National Defense Service Medal (2nd award); Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal; Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal; Iraqi Campaign Medal; Global War on Terrorism Service Medal; Army Service Ribbon; Overseas Service Ribbon (3rd award); Combat Action Badge, and Army Parachutist Badge. He holds a Masters of Military Arts and Science (MMAS) from American Military University, Manassas, Va., and a Masters of Strategic Studies (MSS) from USAWC, Carlisle Barracks, Pa.